in Rajasthan are awaiting the approval of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are its findings about schemes sent by the Rajasthan Government to the Planning Commission till the 31st March, 1990;

(c) the number of projects approved by the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Annual Plan of 1990-91 and also in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) by when are the remaining projects likely to be cleared and what is the present stage of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No Potable Water Supply Scheme proposed to be executed by Rajasthan Government is pending with the Planning Commission for clearance. Two irrigation projects, namely, Sidhmukh and Nohar proposed to be executed by the Rajasthan Government in the Eighth Five Year Plan are pending investment clearance. Irrigation projects are not directly received from the State Governments in the Planning Commission for investment celarance. These are received from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources. Planning Commission has not given investment clearance to any new irrigation project for Annual Plan 1990-91 of Rajasthan. The Eighth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan is yet to be finalised. The investment clearance of the above mentioned irrigation projcets will depend, among other factors on relative priority to be attached to such projects within the total resources available with the State for Eighth plan.

Achievements of Open Universities

***283. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Government have evaluated the achievements of the Open Universities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are its findings about academic standards and social demands of graduates passing from these Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) As the Open University system in the country is still in its infancy, it is too early to evaluate its achievements.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Missiles in the Country

*284. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 117 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether there has been any change in Government's stand regarding missiles development programme, especially regarding Agni, after the new Government took-over;

(b) by when the second test of Agni would be held; and

(c) by when the production of Prithvi is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Undertaking of flight trials of such systems like Agni are continuous in nature. It is not in public interest to give details of such launchings before these are carried out.

(c) Prithvi is planned to be productionised from Mid 1992.